THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB W9RH

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Dear Members:

Well, here we are into the new year, so we better get busy on this letter. We had a wonderful time the night before New Year's Eve. Incidentally, it was Old Timers night, but the only real Old Timer to show up was Clarence Crapo, W9VD. Club business was finished in the record time of 5 minutes and then adjourned to be opened 20 minutes later, informally, at the Rathskeller of the Gettelman Brewery. The Club helped out to the tune of 30 hamburgers, and cold cuts, raw beef, and bread was on tap besides that delicious beer which our host dished out so profusely. Roll call disclosed 20 present and everyone had an FB time. Our only regret was that more of you 'fellas' couldn't be there to enjoy the party.

Believe it or not, but the M.R.A.C. is now officially licensed for W.E.R.S. operation. The call letters are WMFI. Herb Wareing, W9NY, did a great job in making out the application to the FCC. It didn't even come back once and those of you who know will realize that this is somewhat of a record. Some of the fellows have their WERS operator's license and about a dozen more went in this week, so our morale went up at least 50 points and the expectation is that activity will reach a feverish heat when the rigs are finally in operation. We understand that Kitson, W9RSA, is all set in West Allis and that will be a good location to test with. Those of you who know of Kitson's HF activity know that the technical end in West Allis is well taken care of.

Ollie Zander, W9DIJ, was home on a furlough. He's got a rocker to his 3 chevrons and is now a staff sergeant.

Romie Hudzinski, ACRM, W9JPS, was also home on a furlough, but couldn't make the meeting.

John Wilkenson, W9HEL, "Big Jawn", was encountered at Chas. Brown's the other day. He is teaching Industrial Electronics at the Vocational School several evenings a week. Among his students are Herb. Reinke, W9ESO, Joe Kircher, W9NRX, and Walter Druse, W9CYO.

Johnny Scarvaci, W9GIL, was examined and dropped to 4F from 1A, so guess Meyer and Stromberg will still have their sheepshead fish around for a while. (Note: John has other ideas, of course.)

Wendell Ciganek, W9SNFT, is now working for RCA, in the East, involved in the intricacies of Radar installations. Harold Strothmann, W9NMG, is holding the fort at Central Radio.

If Lester Srnka, W9JGE, gets one more radio in his shop, he will have to move out the 212D's he has on display. That will make room for at least 3 more sets in his shack.

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Emil Pelber, W9KHI, still has a bad case of curvature of the spine from the Christmas mail load. The Diagnosis shows there is nothing so serious that a good kick in the back of the lap or a shot of turpentine won't cure.

Norm Barnes, W9CDY, missed our Rathskeller party because old man Flu had him down. Harry Barnes, W9FSV, reports from WPDK that Al Krones, W9UIT, was also a victim. Al wasn't kidding because it was payday and you know that no man in any kind of condition will miss that day if he can help it. Al is still holding his own at a mere 156 lbs.

The grapevine brought in the report that Ensign George Pfister, W9IZQ, has become a proud papa.

Bombshell! Lt. Louie Wollaeger, W9AHA, has left the ranks of the benedicts and as in Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" has acquired a better half.

Since Wendell Ciganek has left the city, the Bulletin staff had to be reshuffled. The dope is gathered, written, typed, copied and mailed by the combined efforts of Charlie Meyer, Tommy Gettelman and Erv Kreis. The M.R.A.C. sends out 55 bulletins monthly and we would appreciate hearing from you boys for several reasons. Firstly, to hear from you and get your comments on the Bulletin. Secondly, that your letter can be read to the gang at the club meetings and receipt duly recorded in the minutes. Thirdly, to keep posted on your address or contemplated change of address.

So we will say AR and take good care of yourselves.

73,

The Gang.

P.S. Don't forget to drop us a line. Address correspondence to:

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